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1. THERE FOLLOWS THE THIRD AND FINAL SECTION OF USLO'S
POLICY ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE PARA FORMAT. WE ARE TRANSMITTING
THE NARRATIVE PORTION TELEGRAPHICALLY AND WILL SEND DATA SHEETS
IN NEXT POUCH APRIL 4.

2. SECTION III. ESTIMATE OF RESOURCES NEEDED

AS IT APPROACHES IT FIRST ANNIVERSARY, USLO HAS
DEVELOPED FROM TWO ROOMS IN THE PEKING HOTEL OPERATING WITH
MANUALLY ENCRYPTED MESSAGES TO A FULLY STAFFED AND EQUIPPED
MISSION. OUR OPERATIONAL CONTACTS WITH PRC OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH
LIMITED IN COMPARISON WITH SOME OTHER MISSIONS, HAVE BEEN
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PRODUCTIVE AND HAVE PROVIDED INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE. FISCAL YEAR

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1974 WAS AN ATYPICAL YEAR FOR USLO; WE ANTICIPATE THAT IN THE
COMING YEAR OUR OPERATIONS WILL SETTLE INTO A MORE NORMAL
PATTERN.

3. WHEN USLO WAS ESTABLISHED, IT WAS DECIDED, FOR REASONS OF
HIGH VISIBILITY AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE NECESSITY FOR
AN ADVANCE NEGOTIATING PARTY, TO ESTABLISH TWO POSITIONS AT
THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION LEVEL. WHILE THIS ARRANGEMENT WORKED
WELL DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF ESTABLISHING OUR MISSION,
IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY APPARENTLY THAT TWO POSITIONS ARE
NO LONGER ESSENTIAL. WITH THE RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY CHIEF
JENKINS, THEREFORE, USLO RECOMMENDS THAT THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS
IN THE EXECUTIVE SECTION BE REDUCED FROM FOUR TO THREE.

4. DURING THE COMING YEAR WE FORESEE RELATIVELY LITTLE CHANGE
IN THE POLITICAL REPORTING PATTERN ESTABLISHED WHEN USLO WAS
SET UP, RELYING PRIMARILY ON THE HONG KONG CONSULATE GENERAL
FOR ANALYTICAL REPORTING, WITH USLO CONCENTRATING ON
OPERATIONAL RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, TRAVEL AND OBSERVATION,
AND CONTACTS WITHIN THE PEKING DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. DESPITE OCCASION
AL
DIFFERENCES IN ANALYSIS GROWING OUT OF OUR DISSIMILAR GEOGRAPHIC
PERSPECTIVES, OUR RELATIONS WITH HONG KONG HAVE WORKED WELL AND WE
SEE NO NEED AT THIS TIME TO INCREASE THE STAFF OF THE POLITICAL
SECTION.

5. U.S. - PRC COMMERCIAL RELATIONS HAVE DEVELOPED AT A PACE
UNFORESEEN AT THE TIME OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF USLO IN EARLY
1973. THE NECESSITY FOR EXTENSIVE SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSMEN'S
ACTIVITIES IN PEKING, ATTENDANCE AT THE SEMIANNUAL CANTON
FAIR, AND CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC REPORTING
AND ANALYSIS HAVE REQUIRED THAT THE COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC SECTION
BE INCREASED BY ONE OFFICER POSITION. WITH THIS INCREASE,
USLO HOPES TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE WITH THE CHINESE FOREIGN TRADE
CORPORATIONS IN SUPPORT OF INITIATIVES BY U.S. FIRMS AND TO
IMPROVE ECONOMIC REPORTING THROUGH INCREASED VISITS TO CHINESE
FACTORIES AND COMMUNES, MORE ACTIVE CONTACTS WITH COMMERCIAL/
ECONOMIC OFFICERS IN OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AND MORE
FOLLOW-UP INFORMATIONAL EFFORTS WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN
TOWARD THE END OF THEIR PEKING VISITS.
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6. SINCE REACHING AGREEMENT WITH THE PRC ON CONSULAR FUNCTIONS,
THE CONSULAR WORKLOAD HAS STEADILY INCREASED, AND WE ANTICIPATE
THAT USLO WILL BECOME INVOLVED IN A STEADILY GROWING SERIES
OF REQUESTS BY THE CHINESE FOR DOCUMENTATION AS AMERICAN
CITIZENS. AT PRESENT, THE CONSULAR FUNCTIONS ARE SHARED
BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND A MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL
SECTION. WE MAY MAKE A LATER RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT

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SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING TO USLO A CHINESE
LANGUGE OFFICER WHO HAS A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS.
HE WOULD ALSO ASSIST IN CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF
THE MISSION.
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